

G. A. R. Meet Brought to Close

FINAL SESSION ON STEEL PIER
WAS EXCITING.

ACTION ON LEE STATUE

Indefinitely Postponed—Feeling Dur-
ing the Debate Ran High—Officers
Installed—Appointments Made.

Atlantic City, N. J. Sept. 23.—After a warm debate of more than three hours the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at its final session on the Steel Pier today indefinitely postponed action in relation

to the controversy over the statue of Robert E. Lee being placed in Statuary hall in the capitol at Washington. The vote was 133 to 102, a small total compared with the vote of 887 cast for commander in chief yesterday. During the debate feeling ran high.

war a pension of a dollar a day for life, but endorsed the McComber bill now in congress, relating to pensions of widows. It was recommended that the pensions for veterans 65 years of age be increased from \$12 to \$16 a

month; 75 years of age, \$15 to \$20, and 75 years of age from \$20 to \$25 a month.

Appointments.

Following the debate the encampment installed the newly elected officers. Before taps was sounded, bringing the encampment to a close, Commis-sioner in Chief John E. Gilman of Boston announced the following ap-pointments:

Adjutant general, Ephraim R. Still-ings, Post No. 113, Massachusetts; quartermaster general, Colonel D. R. Stowitz, Post No. 9, New York; as-sistant quartermaster general and custod-ian of records, J. Henry Holcomb, Pos-

No. 51, Pennsylvania; senior aide and chief of staff. William M. Olin, post No. 58, Massachusetts.

The headquarters of the G. A. R. for the next year will be established at the state house, Boston.

**ARCTIC EXPLORER DR. COOK
SEEN BY BRIDGEPORT MAN**

The Two Met on August 31 in Munich Hotel.

New York, Sept. 23.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the vanished explorer, has

been seen again, this time in a Munich hotel, under the name of Mr. Coleman. Finally, the man known as Ryan, of Bridgeport, Conn., an inventor and an associate of Sir Hiram Maxim, has informed the New York Times, which will publish his account tomorrow, of how he recognized the man.

I arrived in Munich on Aug. 31, said Mr. Ryan, "and on entering the dining room of my hotel I was amazed to find Dr. Cook, his wife, son and daughter. Dr. Cook, I saw, was dressed as a waiter, but I saw that he was no attempt at disguise. He wore his moustache, little side-whiskers and looked just like his photograph. Police officers were standing near the names of all guests shall be placed on the board in the office in plain view. Dr. Cook appeared on the board as Mr. Coleman and family.

I was acquainted with the doctor from recognizing him immediately upon

over to him, addressing him by name. He knew me, answered to his name and introduced me to his family. There was not the slightest sign of embarrassment or nervousness in his manner. He looked the picture of health.

"He told me in plain English that the Passion Play at Oberammergau with his family and had enjoyed it. He said he was in love with the peace and quiet of the village. His wife, who he had spent several months and that time tended to remain some time longer."

Mr. Ryan's circumstantial and positive account would seem to dispose of the reports from Copenhagen that Cook is now on his way to the Arctic with John M. Bradley, his former partner, for the proofs he had said he left at Etah.

STRUCK IN HEAD BY
STEPS OF EXPRESS TRAIN

Six Year Old Meriden Boy Almost Instantly Killed.
Meriden, Conn., Sept. 23.—Joseph D. Guilo, a six year old boy, was almost instantly killed Friday afternoon as he crossed the North Colony street grade crossing by stepping on near the second section of the 322 southbound express train as it was about to start. The boy was struck in the head by the steps of the last car. Medical Exam-

inner E. T. Bradstreet, after the examination of the remains, gave the opinion that the boy was drawn in toward the train by the suction of the passing coaches. The victim was returning home from school with an elder brother at the time and the latter tried to pull him away from danger but failed. The victim's skull was fractured and the neck was broken.

Mayor Gaynor in Perfect Health, Says Dr. Arlitz.

New York, Sept. 23.—Dr. William J. Arlitz, visiting surgeon at St. Mary's hospital in Hoboken, where Mayor Gaynor was a patient during his convalescence, made this statement on the mayor's present condition tonight:

"Mayor Gaynor is in perfect health. There will be no operation now on his

throat for removal of the bullet, nor will there ever be. The wound causes him no trouble to speak of. What little irritation is still there will disappear in a few days."

MISSING FROM THE FORT.
Capt. John J. O'Connell Disappeared
Two Weeks Ago.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 23.—Capt. John J. O'Connell of the Twenty-eighth infantry at Fort Snelling, the senior captain of that regiment, has been missing from the fort for about two weeks, and his superior officers fear

weeks, and his superior officers realize he has been murdered or has committed suicide.

Captain O'Connell was a widely known officer in the army and was highly connected in the east. His wife resides in Buffalo, N. Y.

Jurors Unable to Agree in Trial of Customs Weighers.

New York, Sept. 24.—After deliberating since early yesterday afternoon the jury in the trial of George Bedell, Charles N. Wardell and Charles D. Drew, former custom weighers, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government by underweights of imports, was still deadlocked at one o'clock this morning. At that hour the jurors saw word to United States Marshal Henkel that they were unable